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1. LOCAL FRONT PAGE PRESS REPORTS VISIT TO PRESIDENT STEVENS ON AUGUST 29 OF SENATOR DANG VAN SUNG, SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT THIEU WHO DELIVERED A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT THIEU. ACCORDING TO PRESS, HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN DAKAR, TRUONG HU LUONG. A GIFT FROM PRESIDENT THIEU WAS PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT STEVENS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, THE DELEGATION WHICH ARRIVED FREETOWN FROM PARIS ON THE 28TH ALSO CALLED ON VICE-PRESIDENT S.I. KOROMA AND MINEXTAFF DESMOND LUKE.

3. THE PAPERS CONTAINED NO REPORTS OF CONTENT OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BUT PRESUMABLY MADE APPROACH AS OUTLINED IN REF (A), POINTS WHICH I HAVE ALREADY MADE TO MINEXTAFF LUKE.

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4. THE REPORT STATES THAT DURING CALL ON VICE-PRESIDENT S.I. KOROMA, "THE VICE-PRESIDENT SAID, "WE IN SIERRA LEONE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY OF SETTLING DISPUTES IS BY WAR WITH EACH OTHER". MR. KOROMA SAID THAT THE DUTY OF MANKIND AS A WHOLE IS TO BUILD A PROGRESSIVE WORLD IN WHICH ALL CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND HAPPINESS BECAUSE WAR IN WHATEVER FORM HAS NO GOOD CONSEQUENCE. THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE

HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE WAR IN VIETNAM WITH GREAT SYMPATHY ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT INVOLVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE SAME RACE FIGHTING TO DESTROY ONE ANOTHER. "WE NOW LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH WILL COME TOGETHER WITH A COMMON UNDERSTANDING AND FIGHT IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM" HE HOPED. THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID THAT WE HOPE TO SEE THAT THE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY EMPLOYED IN THE COURSE OF THE WAR BE AVERTED (SIC) TO RESCUE THE HUNGRY AND THE NEEDY PEOPLE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION, MR. DANG VEN SUNG TOLD THE VICE PRESIDENT THAT THE WAR IN VIETNAM WAS AN INTERNATIONAL WAR, AND THAT THE GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION OF VIETNAM MADE IT AN ARENA TO WORLD POWERS. WE NOW HOPE, HE SAID TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE INTEREST OF OUR PEOPLE AND OUR FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD".

5. SENATOR DANG VAN SUNG AND TRUONG HU LUONG VISITED THE AMBASSADOR THE MORNING OF AUGUST 31. THEY WERE PLEASED AT THEIR RECEPTION IN SIERRA LEONE AND SAID PRESIDENT STEVENS HAD GIVEN HIS AGREEMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS WELL AS TO SENDING A DELEGATION TO SAIGON AT THE INVITATION OF THE GVN. DETAILS ARE TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE GOSL HIGH COMMISSION AND GVN REPRESENTATIVES IN LONDON.

6. THE SENATOR REPORTED THAT PRIOR TO VISITING SIERRA LEONE HE HAD BEEN TO TOGO AND THE IVORY COAST. HE IS RETURNING TO PARIS TODAY. THE SENATOR VOLUNTEERED THAT PRESIDENTS MOBUTU AND EYEDEMA HAD ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO VISIT VIET NAM.
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